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In re the Application of: **ABE, Koichiro**

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For: **DISPOSABLE SYRINGE DEVICE AUXILIARY UNIT FOR PREVENTING
IATROGENIC INFECTION THROUGH NEEDLE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED November 19, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: December 11, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **November 19, 2002**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying **Species (B)**, Figures 8-11. Claims **1, 2, 4-8, 10 and 11** read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

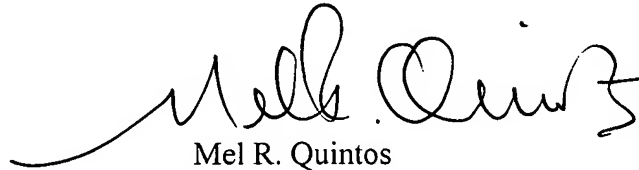
The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected figures 8-11, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10 and 11 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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